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New dates for 'Steel Magnolias'

HAMPDEN – The Theatre Guild of Hampden's performances of "Steel Magnolias" in Fountain Park will be restricted to 40 people each night. People must reserve seats in order to be able to attend, which can be done online at theatreguildofhampden.org, with a reservation sign-up form that must be filled out. Unfortunately, due to the now EEE virus in Wilbraham, the Guild had to postpone the production until September. The new dates are Sunday, Sept. 20, Saturday, Sept. 26, and Sunday, Sept. 27. All shows will be matinees at 3 p.m.

Streaming performance to kick off Applause season

AGAWAM – Since its inception seventeen years ago, the Agawam Cultural Council's Applause Series has grown steadily in popularity to become a much-anticipated annual event. Bringing our community together through cultural events is more important now than ever, and the new season begins in a safe, and virtual, way on Friday, September 4, 2020. On that evening, Sheryl Faye's videotaped portrayal of Abigail Adams – America's First, Second Lady, will be presented on the Town of Agawam's public access channel (Agawam TV15) at 7:00 pm. The performance will also be streamed from the "Watch" button on www.agawammedia.tv for those residing outside of Agawam. Those who wish to watch on a smart device at a different time should email r.kadis@comcast.net for a link and password for the performance. There is a two-hour window from 7:00 – 9:00 pm when the approximate 35-minute program will be available. It is recommended that viewers begin watching no later than 8:15 pm.

Since 2003, Sheryl Faye has masterfully brought to life important historical women in performances across the United States. Her one-woman shows immerse the audience in a multimedia learning experience that captivates viewers and sparks their interest to explore more. Abigail Adams is sometimes considered to have been a founder of the United States and is now designated as the first Second Lady and second First Lady of The United States. Adams's life is one of the most documented of the first ladies: she is remembered for the many letters she wrote to her husband while he was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during the Continental Congresses. John Adams frequently sought the advice of Abigail on many matters, and their letters are filled with intellectual discussions on government and politics. In one of her more famous letters she implores her husband and his colleagues, all of whom were male, to, "...remember the ladies...If particular care and attention is not paid to the Ladies we are determined to foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice, or Representation." Her letters also serve as eyewitness



The Agawam Cultural Council's seventeenth season begins with the virtual presentation of Sheryl Faye's videotaped portrayal of Abigail Adams – America's First, Second Lady on the Town of Agawam's public access channel at 7:00 pm on Friday, September 4, 2020. SUBMITTED PHOTO

ness accounts of the American Revolutionary War home front. This presentation begins with Abigail Adams' life as an adult, travels back to her childhood, and then back to her adult life and is appropriate for both children and adults. In lieu of the free will donations the Agawam Cultural Council (ACC) normally accepts at the conclusion of all its events, (which support fully 40% of the cost of each performance), the council asks viewers to consider making a properly "socially distanced" donation to support efforts to "Give Back to the Community" by visiting the ACC web site www.agawamcc.org and clicking on the green "Donate" button. A check in any amount, payable to the Agawam Cultural Council, may also be sent to: Agawam Cultural Council, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam MA 01001. For more information on the activities and virtual offerings of the Agawam Cultural Council during the stay-at-home order, please visit their web site, www.agawamcc.org. The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, enter-

taining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

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environmental resources for granted," stated Grossberg. "The company committed an egregious violation of environmental protection during the previous 2017 expansion project, dumping 16,500 gallons of contaminated water into a tributary of Worthington Brook. One would think they would take more care this time. But apparently, it's just business as usual - profits over safety and preservation of a delicate ecosystem." Grossberg, in her comments to the city council, encouraged councilors to go witness the damage themselves. Grossberg filed an amicus brief earlier this year seeking for the Commonwealth to review the project.

CELL TOWER ■ from page 1

In addition to the Alvanoses, McLaughlin has been retained by Blacksmith Road residents Thomas and Leanne Brennan, and Lisa and Daniel Loughlin of Forge Street. Forge and Blacksmith are both connected to Anvil Road. Blacksmith is also accessed off North Westfield Street while Forge connects Anvil and Blacksmith. The Alvanoses are hoping to have more support at its next meeting, however, the meeting is set for the same night as the continued public hearing with the ZBA. Verizon Wireless has two appointments with the ZBA. The first is set for 7 p.m. and is for the variance Verizon Wireless seeks. The second is for the special permit to erect the tower. The meeting will be virtual, but accessible by Zoom. The original public hearing was scheduled for Aug. 10, but Verizon Wireless requested a continuance after learning of the opposition from the neighbors. They sought the continuance in an effort to address the objection.

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Councilor George Bitzas filed a resolution, which was supported by several councilors seeking to keep the nickname.

Bitzas addressed his resolution before the vote was taken.

“This resolution tonight is for the nickname and colors only,” said Bitzas. “The logo is separate. The reason I brought this forward is to show support for our Agawam sports. This is not the first time people have tried to remove it.”

Mayor William Sapelli, who was superintendent of school at one time, as well as serving as the current Agawam School Committee Chairman, has already voiced his opposition to changing the mascot name.

Bitzas said the council should stand behind the mayor and his position.

Bitzas called on the school committee, which he states has more power in this decision, to also stand behind the Brownie nickname.

Councilor Gerry Smith said there was once consideration of changing the name from Brownies to Warriors. Warriors is the nickname used for Agawam’s youth football teams.

He talked about the pride of many who graduated from Agawam who were proud to be called a Brownie.

“It would be an injustice to change this,” said Smith.

A few councilors would propose some changes in the language to the resolution, but changes still ultimately resulted in the passage of the resolution, which was unanimously supported.

There has not been any major movement or demonstration from Agawam residents seeking a name change. However, one resident who is of Alaskan and Native American descent voiced her opposition in a letter to the council. The woman described the mascot as racist.

She stated she believes the stereotypes of mascots create violent portrayals of those that use it.

The council did receive other communications, one from a Springfield College professor, and a South Grafton woman. Both opposed the resolution and encouraged the council to remove the Brownie name and logo. The South Grafton woman stated the Nipmuc tribe supported legislation to ban Native American mascots.

While the council supported the resolution, it is still possible the logo could be changed at some point.

‘Stop the Spread’ COVID-19 testing site opened at Holyoke Community College

HOLYOKE — To assist the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Holyoke in reducing the spread of COVID-19, Holyoke Community College will serve as a “Stop the Spread” drive-through testing site offering free tests to the public.

Tests will be conducted outside HCC’s Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation and administered by Fallon Ambulance in partnership with the Holyoke Board of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Testing will be available Wednesday, August 26, through September 12, 2020, during the following hours:

Monday 7-11 a.m.
Tuesday 2-7 p.m.
Wednesday 7-11 a.m.

Thursday 2-7 p.m.
Friday 7-11 a.m.
Saturday 7-11 a.m.

Testing will be conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are no appointments. There is no cost for the tests and no referral is required.

Signs and HCC and Holyoke city Police officers will direct drivers from Homestead Ave down to M Lot (adjacent the Bartley Center), where in-car tests will be administered. Cars will leave M Lot, pass through N Lot, and exit onto the campus road and out onto Homestead Avenue.


Turnaround time for test results is typically four days or fewer.

For more information, please go to: www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread




Holyoke Community College will host free COVID-19 testing for the next two weeks. FILE PHOTO

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Remote programs available for local youth

The Agawam Library is pleased to be able to offer free activities for kids and teens. We will not be offering in-person programs this September, but we will have quite a few fun activities for kids and teens. All of our programs and activities will be listed on our website at <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/children/>.

Starting Sept. 14 we will offer:
ALPHABET FUN : For kids in Preschool & Kindergarten

Pick up materials in the lobby starting Sept. 14.

Description: Stop by the library each week starting Sept. 14 to pick-up a packet of letter activities. Each week the envelope will have a craft and work pages to go with each letter of the Alphabet. Children will enjoy making these fun crafts and will learn to recognize each letter.

Available while supplies last.
ALPHABET OF NUMBERS VIRTUAL ESCAPE ROOM: For grades 5 and up

Available on <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/teens/> & <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/children/>

Description: Challenge yourself with these 5 puzzles where some of the letters have been turned into numbers. You have to change them back to figure out the answers.

CRAFTING AT HOME: TROPICAL FUSE BEAD CRAFT: For kids ages 6 and up

Pick up materials in the lobby starting Sept. 14.

Video with instructions available on <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/children/>

Description: Follow Ms. Rose as she takes you through the steps to create a tropical fish, crab or octopus. Warning: Choking Hazard.

Available while supplies last.
WHAT'S THE STORY? For kids ages 3-5

Pick up materials in the lobby starting Sept. 14.

The video will be available on <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/children/>

Ms. Susan will share some of her favorite seasonal pre-K books and related activities. In September, we will talk about apples, and there will be an apple themed craft.

Available while supplies last.
Starting Sept. 21 we will offer:

MAKE AN ORIGAMI MAGIC CIRCLE: For grades 5 and up

Pick up materials in the lobby starting Sept. 21.

Video with instructions available on <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/teens/> starting Sept. 17th

Description: Follow Ms. Pamela as she takes you through the steps to create an origami magic circle.

SONGS AND SIGNS WITH MS. PAMELA: For babies and their caregivers

Pick up materials in the lobby starting Sept. 21.

(supplies are limited)
Video available on <https://www.agawamlibrary.org/children/>

Description: Enjoy a short video of Ms. Pamela singing songs and teaching some basic sign language for babies and their caregivers.

BAG OF BRICKS CHALLENGE: For grades 1-4

Pick up materials in the lobby starting Sept. 21.

While supplies last.
Registration is required. The Zoom ID and Password will be emailed 1 day before the program.

Pick up a bag of bricks from the Library (or use your own) to design and make something that has wheels.

Then join us Tues. Sept. 29 at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom to show your finished product and to share other people's creativity.

Craft Pub set for Log Cabin

HOLYOKE – The New England Craft Pub, which has become a go-to destination along the Avenue of States at The Big E, will be featured at The Log Cabin in Holyoke, Mass., Thursdays to Sundays, starting Sept. 10. Officials from both the Log Cabin and The Big E will be on hand along with a sampling of local craft beers from Commercial Distributing and Quality Beverage.

This Big E favorite will have at least 18 regional beers and ciders on tap, outdoor live entertainment (weather permitting), as well as Big E-inspired foods like the famous Turducken Sandwich, Mick's Irish Nachos, The Log Cabin's signature Chicken Pot Pie and the amazing Big E Cream Puffs.

"We heard the disappointment in our guest's voices when The Big E was cancelled. We are excited to work with the great team at The Big E to be able to bring a little part of this annual tradition to the local community. It may look a little different but we aim to create the same welcoming joyful environment that patrons of the New England Craft Pub are used to experiencing each year," Log Cabin owner, Peter Rosskoth, stated.

Gene Cassidy, president and CEO of Eastern States Exposition, said, "We are excited to partner with the Log Cabin, an area landmark with a long history of providing a quality dining experience. Bringing a little bit of The Big E to the region is a welcomed venture and it promises to be a shot in the arm for a local business

as well. Putting people back to work, sustaining businesses and getting the economy going again is of the utmost importance. And doing it while enjoying Big E signature foods is a real plus!"

Indoor and outdoor seating with amazing views will be available, all socially distanced at 10 feet apart, with table service by the great Log Cabin staff. Reservations are strongly encouraged and food purchases are required to be served beer and cider while seated at a table. Reservations can be made at www.thelogcabin.com.

The New England Craft Pub at the Log Cabin will be seating guests: Thursdays and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with live entertainment scheduled from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays from noon to 8 p.m., with live entertainment from noon to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Sundays from noon to 6 p.m., with live entertainment from noon to 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The mouth-watering menu, including appetizers, sliders, entrees and desserts, as well as beers, ciders, wine and cocktails, can be found at www.thelogcabin.com

All COVID-19 guidelines will be in place. Guests must wear masks anytime they are not seated at a table enjoying their experience and remain socially distanced from others. Guests will utilize a QR code for the menu, with disposable paper menus available upon request. All entertainment will be outdoors only and the venue will offer table service only.

New hours/days for happenings at Eastern States Exposition

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Eastern States Exposition announces new hours and days where you can dine, shop, sip and satisfy your sweet tooth.

The Big E Bakery is now open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, plus Labor Day, Sept. 7. Hours are: Friday, noon to 5pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11am to 5pm; and Labor Day, Sept. 7, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Bakery is also open Sept. 11, noon to 5 p.m. and Sept. 12 and 13, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Bakery window is located in the New England Center where you can order singles, 3-packs and 6-packs for a special occasion, surprise dessert or a tasty treat after work. Skip the wait and pre-order your treats online. Visit www.thebig.com/thebigbakery.

The Sam Adams Bistro will be closed Labor Day weekend and will re-open Thursday through Saturday beginning Sept. 10, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dates are Sept. 10-12; Sept. 17-19; Sept. 24-26; and Oct. 1-3. Relax and enjoy your favorite Sam Adams brews paired with a menu of appetizers, burgers, pizzas, salads and more. For full menus and more, visit www.thebig.com/samadams-bistro.

Storowton Tavern, just steps away from the Village Green, is open for indoor and outdoor dining. Their hours remain the same for lunch and dinner: Tuesday to Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.;

with Sunday BBQ Brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner service from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Tavern will be closed Sunday and Monday, Sept. 6 and 7 for the Labor Day holiday. For full menus, cocktail hour information, and patio music lineup, visit www.storowton.com.

Storowton Village Museum & Gift Shop
Storowton Village Museum will be open for ticketed ghost tours and a variety of themed tours through October. The newly remodeled Storowton Village Gift Shop in the Phillips House, is filled with handpicked items for home, garden, fashion, kids, and more. There are sections for New England-made maple products, hand-forged blacksmith items, gifts like "The Big E Book," the Eastern States Exposition Centennial history book, and official Big E tartan products that include clutches, coin purses, tissue holders and keychain wristlets. The Gift Shop is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn more at www.storowtonvillage.com.

How to get there: Drive onto the grounds at Gate 1 (closest to the Morgan/Sullivan Bridge) and you will be directed to your destination.

For more information on Eastern States Exposition and its events and activities, visit www.TheBigE.com, join our mailing list and connect with us on social media.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Aurochs

5. Central Dravidian language

10. Split pulses in Indian cooking

14. Tropical starchy tuberous root

15. Well known constellation

16. About aviation

17. Bowfin genus

18. Proper

19. Expression of annoyance

20. Cabbies

22. Bro or sis

23. Spiritual leader

24. Where football coaches work

27. Old TV part

30. A way to color

31. Touch lightly

32. Surround

35. Breached

37. Aristocratic young woman

38. Dry ravine

39. Hebrew measurement units

40. Supporter

41. Type of sword

42. Influential Irish playwright

43. Witch

44. Flower cluster

45. Mark Wahlberg's animal friend

46. Psychedelic amphetamine

47. Actors' group

48. Cool!

49. Salts

52. Group of SE China

55. Illuminated

56. Semitic Sun god

60. Water (Spanish)

61. Employed

63. Japanese ankle sock

64. Fishing fly

65. Some pheasants are this

66. Literary name for Ireland

67. Must have

68. A way to write

69. One point east of southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. American state

2. Hindu model of ideal man

3. Type of acid

4. Drenches

5. "The Raven" writer

6. Emerged

7. Alpha Centauri: __ Centaurus

8. Democratic Presidential candidate

9. Hostelry

10. Fathers

11. Any plant with leaves used for flavoring

12. Member of a Semitic people

13. Lesotho monetary unit

21. Lots

23. Jewish address corresponding to "Sir"

25. Male parent

26. A way to get

27. Body part

28. Seam in an organ

29. Landlocked African country

32. Process for producing ammonia

33. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues

34. Bogged down

36. Native American tribe

37. Unfashionable person

38. Female grunts

40. Well known

41. Gurus

43. Norse mythological site

44. Tell on

46. __ Farrow, actress

47. Cotton fabric

49. Reciter of Scandinavian poems

50. Clouds

51. Satisfies

52. Shuttered Air Force base in Germany

53. Phil __, former CIA

54. Japanese seaport

57. Female horse or zebra

58. First month of ancient Hebrew calendar

59. Trigonometric function

61. Fashionable knowledge (Slang)

62. Insecticide

Fire department plans to hold 9/11 ceremony

AGAWAM – The Town of Agawam will be conducting a brief September 11th remembrance ceremony on Friday, September 11th, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

The safety of the public is always the primary concern of the Agawam Fire Department. Therefore, in order to maximize the safety of this ceremony, it will be held virtually and be closed to the public.

The ceremony can be viewed live on Agawam public access cable channel 15 or online at <http://AgawamMedia.tv>

Speaking in remembrance at the cer-

emony will be:

Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois
Father Bill Hamilton, Agawam Fire Department Chaplain
Reverend Dr. Harvey Hill, Saint David's Episcopal Church
The Honorable William Sapelli, Mayor, Town of Agawam

The Agawam Fire Department thanks you for your understanding during these challenging times. It is our hope that you will take a few moments of your day to join us online or on television in remembrance of this solemn day in our history.

Treasurer announces \$30 million in municipal water projects

Funds will help disadvantage communities address lead in drinking water

BOSTON – State Treasurer Deb Goldberg, chairman of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust, announced today the allocation of \$30 million in additional grants for municipal projects to address lead in drinking water for disadvantaged communities.

The Trust voted on Wednesday to administer the funds to support future investments in local water projects. The new grant program will be implemented with guidance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and engineering and technical support from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

The funds will assist cities and towns most in need of financial assistance to help pay for remediation efforts addressing lead in drinking water or planning projects to identify sources of lead for remediation.

Eligible project types include but not limited to:

- Planning and design
- Replacement of lead service lines
- Corrosion control projects
- Lead removal/treatment

“Protecting the health and safety of Massachusetts residents is a critical priority for our Administration,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “The allocation of this funding will assist disadvantaged communities with crucial maintenance projects, including the replacement of lead service lines, leading to cleaner, safer water.”

“This funding from the Clean Water Trust will support important remediation efforts in municipalities across Massachusetts,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “By funding the planning and design of water systems in disadvantaged communities, our Administration is building on our commitment to ensure safe, healthy drinking water for all Commonwealth residents.”

“As chair of the Clean Water Trust, I am pleased to work with the Baker-Polito Administration, MassDEP, and EPA to provide funds to local communities that will protect the health of our citizens and create a cleaner environment,” said Treasurer and Receiver General Deborah B. Goldberg. “This \$30 million will help reduce the cost of these projects and assist communities in

providing lead free drinking water to our most vulnerable residents.”

“EPA is proud that the commonwealth of Massachusetts took advantage of the flexibility to fund projects to reduce lead in drinking water, as provided by the Water Infrastructure Funding Transfer Act,” said U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator Dennis Deziel. “Communities across the commonwealth will now be eligible to apply for this \$30 million dollar program funded by a one-time transfer from the Clean Water to the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. “I applaud Governor Baker, Treasurer Goldberg, and their teams for their commitment to protecting the health of children by supporting projects to reduce their exposure to lead in drinking water.”

“MassDEP is pleased to partner with the Clean Water Trust to invest in projects to remove lead from drinking water,” said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg, who is a member of the Clean Water Trust. “This funding helps our communities protect public health and improve water quality.”

“The Baker-Polito Administration is pleased to continue partnering with Massachusetts cities and towns to support increased access to clean water,” said Secretary of Administration and Finance Michael J. Heffernan. “These grants will allow municipalities to carry out important water infrastructure improvement projects that help ensure residents and families have safe, lead-free drinking water.”

The Trust improves the water quality in the commonwealth by providing capital financing to cities, towns and other eligible entities to help protect and improve their water infrastructure. These funds will be awarded to disadvantaged communities that have eligible projects on the 2020, 2021 and 2022 MassDEP Intended Use Plans.

Since its establishment in 1989, the Clean Water Trust has loaned nearly \$7.6 billion to improve and maintain the quality of water in the Commonwealth. An estimated 97 percent of Massachusetts’ residents have benefited from the financial assistance of the Trust.

Agawam Cultural Council seeks funding requests

AGAWAM – With a mandate to distribute state monies via a grants process, the Agawam Cultural Council is seeking grant requests from local community-oriented programs in arts, humanities and sciences in need of funding.

The Agawam Cultural Council has set the FY2021 grant season to start Thursday, Oct. 1, and to end Monday, Nov. 16 as the postmark deadline for organizations, schools and individuals to apply for grants that may support or provide cultural activities for the Agawam community.

According to Council spokesperson Bob Kadis, these grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Agawam -- including exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies or performances in the schools, workshops, lectures or historical interpretation.

Notably, the Council also encourages funding requests from schools and youth groups to cover ticket and transportation costs for field trips for school-age children.

For more information, Local Guidelines and FAQs can be found at this site: <http://www.mass-culture.org/Agawam> by clicking on the “Council Priorities” tab.

Information about the ACC’s Grants program can also be found on the ACC’s own website at: [agawamcc.org](http://www.mass-culture.org).

The FY2021 allocation amount has not been determined as of this writing. But what we do know as of this writing is that there is \$2,350 of unencumbered funds

left over from the FY2020 grant season.

The MCC FY2021 allocation plus the unencumbered funds will make up the total grant amount for FY2021. The total grant amount will be posted on our website when we know it. Note, the MCC FY2020 allocation was \$17,200.00 and when added to the FY2019 \$615.00 unencumbered funds made for an available total grant amount of \$17,815.00 for FY2020.

If you have questions about the online application process, you may contact the Massachusetts Cultural Council’s Lisa Simmons at 617-858-2707 or at lisa.simmons@state.ma.us -- or ACC chair Bob Kadis, at 413-789-4814 or at r.kadis@comcast.net.

An online application process will become available Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020. The Agawam Cultural Council will not accept paper applications. To apply for a grant, please visit: <http://www.mass-culture.org/Agawam> and click “Apply Now.”

The Local Cultural Council Program, of which the Agawam Cultural Council is a part, is a grant program of the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), a state agency. The MCC provides allocations to each of Massachusetts’ 351 cities and towns to support cultural activities. These funds are then dispersed through a strict grant process conducted by the all-volunteer network of 329 Local Cultural Councils. This is the largest program of its kind in the United States.

Dance parties scheduled to introduce girls to Girl Scouts

HOLYOKE/WORCESTER – Girl Scouts of Central & Western Massachusetts is hosting free animal dance parties to introduce girls in kindergarten through fourth grade to the world of Girl Scouts. Girls might imagine themselves as a bird, a bug, or an elephant as they learn about animals and move their bodies. It’s a free and fun way for girls and their families to get to know Girl Scouts.

Parents or caregivers can choose an in-person date at one of four Girl Scout camps or either Girl Scout Leadership Center or any one of six virtual parties that is convenient for them. In-person events will follow all COVID-19 safety protocols including face coverings and social distancing.

While girls enjoy the party, parents and caregivers get to know the Girl Scout program and how it can supercharge a girl’s life. Find more information and RSVP online or call 413-584-2602 or 508-365-0115 with questions.

Virtual animal dance parties, 6 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 22
Thursday, Oct. 1
Wednesday, Oct. 7
Tuesday, Oct. 13
Tuesday, Oct. 20
Tuesday, Oct. 27

In-person animal dance parties

Saturdays, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. all locations

Camp Bonnie Brae, Otis: Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24
Camp Lewis Perkins, South Hadley: Oct. 10
Camp Laurel Wood, Spencer: Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24
Camp Green Eyrie, Harvard: Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24
Worcester Leadership Center–Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Oct. 24
Holyoke Leadership Center- Sept. 26 and Oct. 24

To join or volunteer, visit www.gscwm.org.

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts serves over 7,000 girls in kindergarten through 12th grade with the strong support of 3,800 adult members in 186 towns and cities in central and western Massachusetts. Girl Scouts’ mission is to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Since 1912, girls have explored new fields of knowledge, learned valuable skills and developed strong core values through Girl Scouts. GSCWM supports girls by giving them extraordinary opportunities to explore, experience and learn about their world and helps girls recognize that they are vital members of their communities.

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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Should we get married or just live together?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: My question is about benefits and getting married. I am a retired man, 65-years-old, and collecting Social Security plus two pensions. My girlfriend will turn 62 this October and plans to apply for Social Security benefits on her 62nd birthday. If we were to get married, would we be affected money wise? Or should we just live together? Signed: Contemplating Marriage

Dear Contemplating Marriage: Your own Social Security benefit will not be affected in any way if you get married, unless your potential new bride is a very high earner and her Social Security entitlement at her full retirement age (which is 66 years and 8 months) is more than twice the full benefit amount you were entitled to at your full retirement age (even though you claimed your benefits earlier). In that case, you would become eligible for a spousal benefit from your new wife after you are married for one year.

If, however, your potential bride is the lower earner and claims at 62, but is entitled to a Social Security benefit at her full retirement age, which is less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount, your new wife may be entitled to a "spousal boost" from you after you are married for a year. I cannot tell you the answer to those questions without knowing your respective benefit amounts at each of your full retirement ages.

You may also wish to consider potential survivor benefits. If you are married and one spouse dies, the surviving spouse is entitled to 100% of the amount the deceased spouse was collecting at their death, if the surviving spouse has reached full retirement age (otherwise the survivor benefit is reduced for claiming it early). The surviving spouse gets the survivor benefit if that benefit is more than they are entitled to on their own.

In any case, neither of you would be eligible for a Social Security spousal benefit or survivor benefit from the other unless you are married (you must be married for at least one year to get a spousal benefit and at least nine months for a survivor benefit).

Note that so-called "common law" marriage isn't recognized in most U.S. states, and Social Security goes by state law on that topic. The only states which currently recognize common law marriage are Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah (and the District of Columbia). So, unless you were to live in one of those states, or in D.C., cohabiting would not be considered a "marriage" for the purposes of Social Security benefits, and no spousal or survivor benefits would be available to either of you.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



Letters to the Editor

Friend of Robinson remembered

Dear Editor:

Barbara Farrington will always be remembered by the Friends of Robinson State Park for her inspirational love and appreciation of nature. We all learned so much when Barbara shared her love of wildflowers on Robinson State Park Day. She would teach how to use the Newcomb's Botanical Guide to make correct wildflower identifica-

tion. Barbara shared in efforts by the Friends of Robinson State Park to reinforce with state officials the significant importance of state-owned lands for recreation, education, and their benefits to the spiritual and physical health of the citizens. Barbara helped prove the multi-purposes of state-owned lands. As a result of this work, Robinson State Park and other Massachusetts park-

lands were declared "off limits" for commercial operations in the Forest Futures Visioning Process. We want Barbara's family to know her friendship, her sharing and her inspiration had wide reaching effects and will live on forever. (full obituary, p. 13)

Sincerely,
**The Friends of
Robinson State Park**

Walsh blamed for state neglect of Soldiers' Home

Dear Editor:

The loss of life of 76 veterans at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home was a horrible event. The Pearlstein Reports showed veterans in close proximity of each other allowing the virus to jump from infected patients to those who had not been infected.

As soon as news came out fingers from state veteran agencies and the top levels of MA pointed to Superintendent Bennett Walsh. If all the blame could be placed on one man everybody else would look clean. The Pearl-

stein Report also showed the facility needed upgrades and staffing. Former Superintendent, Paul Barabani and Deputy Superintendent, John Paradis resigned their post in 2015 frustrated by lack of state funding that they submitted numerous requests for.

Some Soldiers' Home staff didn't speak well of the superintendent and state officials rejected his request for help from the National Guard. Working in the private sector throughout my career, I've seen plenty of man-

agers point fingers when things go wrong. But I've never seen union employees speak well of a manager.

As a decorated United States Marine LT Colonel, he commanded troops in the war zones of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Somalia. And throughout his career he had the utmost respect from the marines that served under him, which he likewise showed them. I know because my son, Mike, was one of them.

Cliff Hogan

Curing properly secures your harvest

My onions had begun to fall over at least three weeks ago. I have been so busy that I didn't harvest them yet. Do I cure them in the hot sun or in the shade? I've forgotten. Why don't we revisit the significance of curing onions and other vegetables that are typically stored over the winter? If this important step is overlooked, we will likely be disappointed by produce that spoils long before it should have. Curing not only hardens the outer skin of the vegetable, it also finishes the ripening process of the flesh.

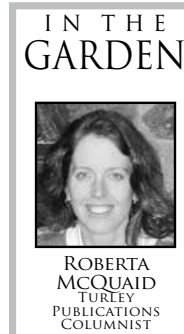
As for my onions, both the hot sun and the shade scenarios were found to be accurate. When three-quarters of the onion tops have fallen over push down the rest and let them sit


in the ground a little while longer. Then, unearth the bulbs and lay them, tops and all, on the ground in the sun, turning occasionally. When they turn completely brown cut the stems to one inch and spread them on screens single file in a warm and dry, well-ventilated area to cure further. They can rest in that location for up to two months, then store at temperatures close to 40 degrees. Store apples, bananas and tomatoes away from onions, as these vegetables excrete ethylene gas as they ripen, causing onions to sprout prematurely. Use bulbs that have two centers first, they won't store well. It is interesting to note that the same compound that starts the tears flowing when we cut into onions- sulfur, is also a potent fungicide and bactericide.

No wonder they store so well!

Potatoes are perhaps the most tricky vegetable to store. Curing them properly will help to prevent rot, premature sprouting and toxic greening of the skin and flesh. By waiting a week or more after the plant has died before digging up the tubers, the skins will thicken and be less prone to injury during harvest. Once they are dug, a week spent in a cool and totally dark space will further firm their skin and change sugars to starch, completing the ripening process. Never wash potatoes prior to storage! Gently brush off dirt and store in a single layer in the darkness at 55 to 60 degrees. Darkness will prevent greening, which renders potatoes inedible. Use any pitch-forked or shovel-marked spuds first, as damage to the skin will invite rot.

Harvest winter squash after vines have died back or prior to






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YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

No 60's 60th yet

Do you remember your first day at Agawam High School? Fifty rooms in a pattern of numbers arranged by someone smoking the curtains. Room 35 was a mile from room 36 and the gym and shop were even further apart. Whatever time you had to make your next class you probably should forget stopping at your locker. And those locker combinations. 14-37-43 was mine. Right left right was easy to remember but you had to go by the second number the first time you got to it and stop the second time. Your first week of school, you didn't always remember. Too many books. They won't all fit on the locker's top shelf.

In September of 1959 my freshman class of '63 reunited with the sophomore 62's, the junior 61's and the senior 60's. We hadn't been in the same building as the 60's since we were in fifth grade and they were in 8th down at the Main St. school. The 60's boys were big too. If you have a 1960 Sacher, open to the football picture on page 72. Check these little fellas out: Bob "Pop" Neilson '59, Ray Nacewicz '54, Rich Nacewicz '61 on left, Bob Schmidt '60, Mickey Juzba '47, Mickey Connelly '32 and Stan Peritz '63. Plenty of others. Maybe you are thinking

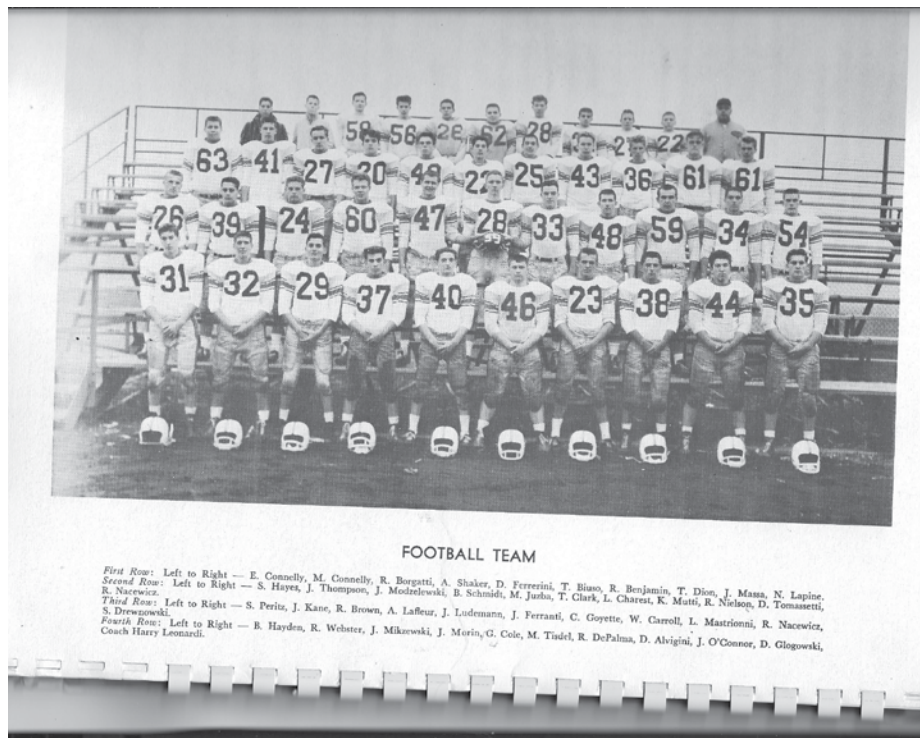
you had Dick Benoit and Jim Harnois. We did in 63 but in our freshman year Dick's and Jim's families hadn't moved to Agawam yet. Our biggest guys were only fourteen years old. A lot happens from 14 to 17.

Another shock when you enter high school is how many beautiful girls there are. Some as pretty as movie stars. Do you remember Janice Pandolfi, Carol LaPine, Alice Davis and Gail Cavicchi. Do you remember walking behind Marilyn Mee or Pat Lucia? High school was great wasn't it? Sure we had homework, tests and sometimes detention but the good far outweighed the bad.

The class of 1960 was led by president Dan Tomassetti who grew up in North Agawam and went on to be Agawam's first college lacrosse player, captaining his Nichols College team in the spring of 1964. I talked to Dan this week. A Longmeadow resident now, Dan told me that his class of 60 is postponing the 60th reunion planned for the fall. Makes sense. Maybe next year the 60's can organize a multi-year reunion. Invite all the classes that were in AHS in September of 1959. I'll go and assuredly there will be plenty of material for another



Walt Willard
Guest Columnist



column.

Haven't seen Jim Reynolds IV in a Red Sox game yet this year, have you? Good article about Brownie Fran Arnold '66 in the January 20th edition of Business West. Fran's business, Conklin Office Furniture, is on Appleton St. in Holyoke. He started in 1981 and keeps getting bigger and bigger.

A reader asked me to write an article about Father Gonet. I did a long time ago. Maybe we should reprint it.

Brownie Steve Marcus is a Westfield State University trustee. Cindy Harris and John Beltrandi are on the Westfield City Council.

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Kerri is a 1995 graduate of Agawam Public Schools. She is a proud hardworking single mother of a 15 year old son who also attends the Agawam Public Schools. Kerri has an extensive work and advocacy background. Kerri is proud of the support from her family and friends to continue her advocacy all the way to Beacon Hill.

Credentials/ Work Experience

- US Navy Veteran, National Defense Medal, Sea Service Deployment, Armed Forces Medal, Battle E
- Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice and Master's in Psychology
- 2 term Elected Agawam School Committee Member
- Agawam Auxiliary Veterans Council Member
- Over 25 years of Advocacy and work experience in the fields of criminal justice, advocacy in several school districts, mental health, substance abuse, and family emergency resources



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- Infrastructure
- Health Insurance
- Small Businesses
- Environmental needs
- Housing
- Mental health/Substance Abuse/Sexual Assault survivor resources and domestic violence resources.

ACC schedules Zoom meeting

AGAWAM – The Agawam Cultural Council (ACC) is meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 7:05PM via conference call.

Topic: Agawam Cultural Council Meeting

Time: Sep 15, 2020 07:05 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Additional intervention initiatives for communities with highest COVID-19 numbers

Will offer help to top five communities, add others if their numbers rise

BOSTON -Today, the Baker-Polito Administration stepped up its targeted initiative to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in communities across the commonwealth with the highest number of positive cases. This initiative brings even greater focus to the top 5 highest-risk communities with regular neighborhood-level assessments and a comprehensive multi-lingual public messaging campaign.

The initiative focuses efforts on Chelsea, Everett, Lawrence, Lynn and Revere. The Commonwealth's COVID-19 Enforcement and Intervention Team, in partnership with local community officials, is leading this effort. This targeted initiative includes regular meetings with local leadership to understand residential and business activities contributing to trends, an even greater level of state focus to stop the spread and a new public messaging campaign.

The goal of the public messaging campaign is to ensure residents know they live in a high-risk community and reiterate the importance of wearing a mask and other best practices to stop the spread. Built around a message of, "You have the power to save a life," the comprehensive campaign will encourage the use of masks and social distancing and will run in English, Portuguese, Spanish, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, Arabic and other languages common to these communities. The campaign includes:

- A new online resource at [Mass.gov/StopCOVID19](https://mass.gov/stopCOVID19) (Spanish: [Mass.Gov/DetenCOVID19](https://mass.gov/detenCOVID19)) (Portuguese: [Mass.Gov/PareCOVID19](https://mass.gov/pareCOVID19)) (Additional multilingual online resources will be available soon)
 - Advertising on billboards, digital and social media
 - Downloadable materials in multiple languages
 - Multi-lingual field teams deployed in the communities
 - Phone and text communications
 - Outreach to local community groups
- This new website [Mass.gov/StopCOVID19](https://mass.gov/stopCOVID19)

COVID19 provides residents and local business owners with information on how to stop the spread, state restrictions on gathering sizes, testing locations and materials that can be printed for display in apartment complexes, restaurants and community areas.

The campaign's advertising will run on hundreds of displays, message boards, signs, billboards and other channels in these top five communities through paid partnerships and via state-owned resources, such as at MBTA stations, on MassDOT signs and much more. During Labor Day weekend, the field teams will be active at approximately 15 locations in these top five communities. All aspects of this campaign will expand throughout the fall.

In early August, the Administration established CEIT through the COVID-19 Command Center. CEIT is a cross-agency response unit, which includes representatives from the Community Tracing Collaborative, Department of Public Health, Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Massachusetts State Police, Department of Labor Standards and other agencies.

Since it was launched, this team has worked closely with all higher-risk communities to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in areas that are persistently above the state average. CEIT partnered with local elected and community officials, including municipal leadership, police chiefs and local health departments, to assess trends and most effectively utilize resources. Collectively, these teams have enforced gathering size restrictions and shared with municipalities additional state support, such as testing and contact tracing information.

Over the last two weeks the statewide average daily incidence rate is 4.2 cases per 100,000 people, while Chelsea is 29.4, Revere is 20.9, Lynn is 12.1, Everett is 15.9 and Lawrence is 14.9. As new community data is reported, CEIT will adjust as cities and towns move into or out of higher-risk categories. Throughout September, the campaign will expand beyond the top five communities.

Library to host program about Real ID

AGAWAM – Beginning October 2021, the Real ID license/ID card will be required to board a domestic flight or enter a federal building or office. On Monday, Sept. 21, the Agawam library will host a speaker from AAA to inform participants and answer questions about this new identification. AAA Representative, Mark Shieldrop will join us virtually via ZOOM on Monday, Sept. 21 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested is

asked register on the library's online calendar at www.agawamlibrary.org. Please include a valid email address. All registrants will receive an email link to Zoom one day prior to the event. This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, please call the Agawam Library (413) 789-1550 or visit our website: www.agawamlibrary.org

AAA hosts free virtual vacation webinars

Staff Report

REGION – AAA Travel is hosting a new series of virtual vacations to help travelers research and plan their next adventure. These new webinars showcase a variety of destinations, perfect for those looking to explore right now or in the future. Participants can interact with leading tour providers and gain more knowledge about travel options.

"Many AAA Travel clients residing in the Pioneer Valley are frustrated to be home bound," said Sandra Marsian, vice president of the AAA Pioneer Valley. "We are all doing what we need to, keeping each other safe by staying home. But we do not have to like it, and nothing can stop us from dreaming of our future travels. Many of us hope to return to our freedom to travel soon and are looking for ways to understand what our future travel options will be. We are also looking for ways to stay entertained and informed while we wait."

The virtual vacations webinar series

schedule includes:

- Sept. 16 - Adventure Travel
- Oct. 1 - Discover Mackinac Island Tour
- Oct. 15 - North American Vacations
- Nov. 10 - Cruise through Alaska
- Dec.1 - Explore the National Parks
- March 17 - Iceland's Magical Northern Lights

AAA Travel has been there for travelers since 1902, supporting the travel needs of members and non-members. These events are free and open to the public.

Registration is now open, to sign up for any, or all, of these free online events visit AAA.com/TravelEvents.

About AAA

AAA Pioneer Valley is a not-for-profit auto club with 6 offices in Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire counties of Massachusetts providing more than 200,000 local AAA members with travel, insurance, finance, and auto-related services. Since its founding in 1901, AAA Pioneer Valley has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers.

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Mike Egan told me that his dad, Bill Egan on Raymond Circle, will be glad to help out with the history of the Little League. He coached for many years.

You know things have changed when you see athletic director Dave Stratton walking down Elm St. on a spring Saturday afternoon.

The pandemic has changed the meaning of words: A few months ago, the manager of a West Side towing company complained on TV that his drivers were out there exposing themselves several times a day. Actions have changed too: Convenience store workers now want to have their customers come in at four in the morning with a mask on.

The Jeopardy show had another unforgettable ending a few months ago. A

woman went into the final Jeopardy with \$8400. Her highest opponent had \$4200. Remember if you tie after Final you both come back the next day. What would you do if you had the \$8400? What is the only way you could not come back the next day? That's what she did. She made a bet got it wrong and her opponent doubled his score to \$8400. Instead of walking out with \$8400 and a chance to win more the next day, she went home with \$2000 for second place. Very smart but no common sense. She should have bet zero. Perhaps she forgot the rules.

The class of '60 voted Rosemarie Beer prettiest girl and Paul Salmonsen most handsome boy. They lived across from each other on Albert St.

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an impending frost. A pretty New England autumn scene is fields of pumpkins or colorful squash curing under sunny skies. If you follow the farmers lead just be sure to lift squash off the ground, and cover if rain or frost threatens. Two weeks in the field or a sunny, well-ventilated space is sufficient for curing, at which point the skin should be hard enough to resist the dent of a fingernail. Gently washing squash in a 10% bleach solution will help to prevent rot prior to storing at temperatures between 50 and 60 degrees. The flavor of many of our favorite squashes only improves with age.

I harvested my garlic three or four weeks ago; the signal was that one third of its foliage has withered and browned. It was dried stems and all in a shady, pro-

tected spot up off of the ground. Soon I'll gently rub off dirt and cut back the stems to a couple of inches before storing for the winter in a cool and dry location, in mesh bags, slatted trays or other methods. Soft-neck types of garlic have pliable foliage that lends itself well to braiding. In any case, allowing for good air circulation will ensure a long storage life.

Robertta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekenney@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



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SPORTS

FALL SPORTS

Most schools opting to play with modified rules

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – The “returns” are still early and many more schools will need to vote, but it appears most of the schools in Western Massachusetts are planning to return to action when fall sports are allowed to begin practicing on Sept. 18.

Schedules have yet to be created and finalized for the abbreviated “Fall 1” season, but most schools and their respective school committee have agreed that allowing students to return to their respective fields is good

for a possible return to “some-what” normalcy.

As of Labor Day, Belchertown, Holyoke, Ludlow, Minnechaug Regional, Monson, North Brookfield, Quabbin Regional, South Hadley, and Ware have confirmed they will be participating in the Fall 1 season.

This means, these schools will field teams in the following sports: boys soccer, girls soccer, field hockey, golf, cross country, and girls volleyball.

In order to be able to participate in these sports, the schools will need to follow a slew of guidelines that have been issued

by the state.

There are new sport specific rules, which are subject to change as the schools navigate through the next couple of months, but all sports will have to follow a set of standard guidance which are related to areas such as social distancing, not sharing equipment, entering and exiting fields, the roles of officials, avoiding contact such as shaking hands, high-fiving, or other types of contact between teammates. There will be no post-game handshakes for the time being and officials are ordered to enter and leave the field, and do not have to sign

game forms.

More school committees will be holding votes during the next week following the Labor Day holiday and schools will need to inform their respective leagues within the PVIAC whether or not they will be participating so schedules for the fall season can be developed and finalized.

It is unclear exactly how many games will be played in each individual sport. Soccer and field hockey normally play 16-18 games, and could fit almost that many with no playoffs.

The MIAA will not sponsor any playoffs, however, depend-

ing on how things go, the PVIAC could develop playoffs within leagues. Teams are supposed to be playing in a close geographic range, which will make travel from areas like the Berkshires somewhat difficult in a tournament situation.

As of press time, only Southwick Regional School has publicly reported it will not participate in the Fall 1 season. If it allows fall sports in the Fall 2 season in February, the school could have trouble finding other schools to play by not participating in the Fall 1 season.

RACING



Brian Robie takes the win in the main modified race. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Brian Robie scores big in Sept. 5 Modified twin bill at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Modified top gun Brian Robie had a huge night Saturday, Sept. 5, at Monadnock Speedway.

The Sunapee, N.H. hot shoe scored both a win and a runner-up finish in a pair of NHSTRA Battle for The Cup 35-lappers, to open a huge lead in the weekly racing series Modified point standings while, at the same time gaining breathing room over number two Cup points man Matt Kimball in the Battler for the Cup Standings.

Kimball also had a good night, leading 55 laps of the combined events, and topping the nightcap for his second Modified victory in the last two weeks. If not for being spun out of the lead in the first go-round, the second-generation Bennington, N.H. star might easily have swept Saturday’s twinbill.

In other feature racing Saturday, Superman Aaron Fellows (Croydon, NH) stormed to his track-high tenth victory of the summer, while Pure Stocker Matt Lambert (Ashuelot, NH) earned his first 2020 victory lap. Mini Stock mighty man Gordon Farnum (Fitzwilliam, NH) rocketed to win number six. The Street Stock division was not active Saturday.

In the first NHSTRA Modified feature, Kimball and Robie sat on row one, the fastest pair of the 20 starters aligned by time trial results. Kimball, with Todd Patnode rocketing to his back bumper, took immediate control.

Kimball set a fast pace the first 21 laps, with Robie then using the low groove to take the lead. Two laps later, with plenty of help from behind, Kimball spun out of second.

Trevor Bleau then briefly moved up to the deuce, but that was as good as things would get for the Troy, N.H. speedster when he was slowed by mechanical failure. When the checkers waved, it was steady Brian Chapin following Robie across the finish line, with Scott MacMichael coming from row four to finish third.

The Modified nightcap was an often brutal event, slowed by no fewer than seven caution and one red-flag delays. What was certain at the end was that Matt Kimball, from row two, had led all but the first lap, brining his refuse-to-lose attitude to this one and scoring his second win of the year. Robie, from 14th, was second.

Modified rookie Solomon Brow walked away from a bone-crunch-



Throw-ins will be taken away, and a free kick or pass will be the method used to bring the ball back in play.

New season, different rules



Corner kicks will not be a part of soccer this fall due to the avoidance of head balls that result from the kicks. FILE PHOTOS



Players will have to avoid contact like this under revised rules for soccer this fall.

Head balls will be banned for this fall.

Sports



Aaron Fellows was the big winner in the late model sportsman event. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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ing crash into the backchute wall on lap 18. Trevor Bleau, who'd grenaded to 18th in the first go-round, sat out the nightcap, falling from third in the late-season point standings deep into the top ten.

Aaron Fellows went low under lappers on the ninth circuit of the Late Model Sportsman feature and then checked out on the 13-car field to win for the tenth time in eleven outings.

At 41, Fellows has been winning races for a quarter century. Saturday's runner-up, teen Camdyn Curtis, doesn't even have a driver's license yet. Still, though, the Baltimore, VT. young gun had everyone but Fellows covered, outrunning cagey veteran Robert Hagar to earn the second-place trophy.

Mini Stock points leader Gordon Farnum made easy work of scoring his sixth win of 2020. Taking the lead on lap eight, the Fitzwilliam Flyer outran Kevin Cormier to the checkers, with number two points man Nathan Wenzel third.

The Pure Stock feature was a battle of two up-and-coming drivers each bidding for his first win of the season. Bruce Clark led the first 21 go-rounds, with Matt Lambert, who'd ridden in his shadow all the way, then taking over from the top groove and dashing away to victory.

Chris Davis, looking for his fourth win of the season, got up for second, with Jimmy Zellman third, Clark fourth, and points leader Mike Douglas fifth, ending the night's action 36 points ahead of Davis, the defending Pure Stock champion.

Doug Meserve Jr. led all the way in the Pro-4 Modified 30-lapper. Randy Cabral was second under the checkers, with Al Reiser topping the Pro-4 Lites class.

In Senior Tour Auto Racing events, Richard Eastman of Merrick, Mass. topped the STAR Sportsman 15-lapper aboard a Pinto. Curt Snow, of West Warren, Mass., got the job done in the STAR Modifieds with his 1936 Chevy Coupe.

With only three scheduled racing events remaining in its exciting 2020 season, Monadnock Speedway will return to action next Saturday, September 12. For more information, please visit www.monadnock-speedway.com.

MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY SEPTEMBER 5 TOP TENS:

NHSTRA Modified Feature 1 Results: Brian Robie, Brian Chapin, Scott MacMichael, Stewart McCormack, Ben Byrne, Alyssa Rivera, Russ Hersey, Kim Rivet, Jason Houle, Chris Riendeau, Matt Kimball, Todd Patnode, Solomon Brow, Cory Plummer, Cameron Houle, Brad Zahensky, Jerry Gomarolo, Trevor Bleau, Eric Leclair, Brian Crunden, Kevin Pittsinger

NHSTRA Modified #2 Results (Unofficial): Matt Kimball, Brian Robie, Ben Byrne, Brian Chapin, Chris Riendeau, Cory Plummer, Kim Rivet, Eric Leclair, Jerry Gomarolo, Jason Houle, Kevin Pittsinger, Todd Patnode, Brad Zahensky, Stewart McCormack, Alyssa Rivera, Cameron Houle, Solomon Brow, Russ Hersey, Scott MacMichael

Late Model Sportsman: Aaron Fellows, Camdyn Curtis, Robert Hagar, Cole Littlewood, Justin Littlewood, Will Kuhn, Dan Comeau, Ronald Laperche, Scott Beck, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Chris Ballas, Matt Winter, Chris Jackson

Mini Stock Results: Gordon Farnum, Kevin Cormier, Nathan Wenzel, Kevin Clayton, Jeff Asselin, Kevin McKnight Jr, Tim Leblanc, Joshua Hubbard, Kevin Russell, Erin Aiken, Jake Puchalski, Jeff Heath, Dave Pratt, Adam Sprague, Shelby Avery, Louis Maher, Eric Banks, DNQ - Nadine Coates, DNQ - Tyson Payne

Pure Stock Results: Matt Lambert, Chris Davis, Jimmy Zellman, Bruce Clark, Mike Douglas, Damon Roy, Randy Phillips, Nick Houle, Jason Leray, CJ Johnson, Doug Nelson, Cory Lofland, JD Stockwell, Reagan Buffum, Ben Sylvester, Steve Zebrowski, Brandon Lavoie

MIAA makes statement on the fall season

FRANKLIN – The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) COVID-19 Task Force met virtually on August 27, 2020 to review and approve sport modifications for the fall 2020 sport season. The MIAA Board of Directors approved, at their August 19, 2020 meeting, the formal athletic structure for 2020-2021 season, as well as additional Educational Athletic recommendations provided by the Task Force.

These recommendations were developed after months of meetings, discussions, research and collaboration with Massachusetts Governing entities.

MIAA President and Marshfield Superintendent Jeffrey Granatino stated, "It's exciting that student-athletes and coaches from across the Commonwealth are finally able to prepare for an actual athletic season. The work that the MIAA COVID-19 Task Force and our individual sports committees put forth will allow for these sports to take place in a fashion that adheres to the safety precautions/modifications that have been recommended by the EEA."

The MIAA fall season will officially begin on September 18, 2020. The following activities were approved by the Board of Directors for the Fall I season: Soccer, Fall Gymnastics, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Girls Volleyball, Swim & Dive, Golf and Dance.

Following this structural approval, individual MIAA sport committee representatives established sport modifications in alignment with guidelines from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), Massachusetts Department

of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the MIAA. These modifications were vetted through the MIAA Sports Medicine Committee (SMC), which includes two epidemiologists who worked with both the EEA and DESE, over a series of three virtual meetings.

The MIAA Task Force unanimously approved all modifications as presented for Fall I Season during yesterday's sub-committee meeting (8/27/20). These modifications will continue to be reviewed as they relate to current regulations surrounding COVID-19 and may be modified if necessary.

MIAA President Granatino continued, "There's still a great deal of work to do, but the efforts made to date have been amazing and are why we are now able to provide our students with an opportunity to take part in activities that they love and miss dearly."

All participating MIAA member schools are expected to adhere to these sport modifications.

MIAA Executive Director Bill Gaine added, "On behalf of the membership, I enthusiastically advance pride and gratitude to MIAA Task Force members, the MIAA Sports Medicine and sport committee representatives for their valuable contributions in providing a blueprint for MIAA student athletes to participate in educational athletics this fall season. Stakeholders' participation, guidance and collaboration with DESE and EEA warrant like appreciation."

Tri-County to hold golf tournament

BELCHERTOWN – The Tri-County Baseball League, the premier adult baseball league in Western Massachusetts, will hold its annual golf tournament at Mill Valley Golf Links in Belchertown on Saturday, Oct. 3 with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$80 per player. If you're unable to play, there

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Pioneers announce tryouts for upcoming season

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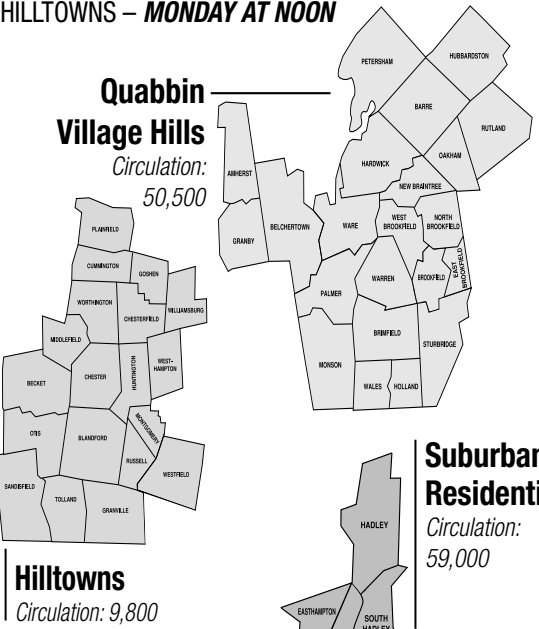
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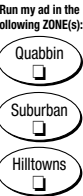
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**Commonwealth of
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Hampden Probate and
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50 State Street
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Docket No. HD20P1472PM
In the matter of:
Phyllis Crierie
Of: Agawam, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/
Minor)
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT
OF CONSERVATOR OR
OTHER PROTECTIVE
ORDER PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B,
§5-304 & 5-405**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lois Blackburn of Unionville, CT in the above captioned matter alleging that **Phyllis Crierie** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Nancy Godbout of South Hadley, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before **10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/25/2020.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 31, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
9/10/2020

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
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Docket No. HD20P1459EA
Estate of:
Donald Felix Goudreau
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CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
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A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jacob D Goudreau** of Springfield MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Jacob D Goudreau** of Springfield MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/28/2020.**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 31, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
9/10/2020

**Commonwealth of
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**PERSON PURSUANT TO
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The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 31, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
9/10/2020

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